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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROGRAM ASSISTANCE, ROLAND MACHATSCHKE, CHIEF
EDITOR, ORF (AUSTRIAN) RADIO

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1. ROLAND MACHATSCHKE, CHIEF EDITOR ORF RADIO, PLANS TO ARRIVE
NEW YORK JUNE 11 FOR TWO WEEK VISIT THROUGH JUNE 27 TO PINE
RIDGE RESERVATION, RAPID CITY, S.D.; SAC OMAHA; LOS ANGELES
AND NASA PASADENA; ATLANTA AND WASHINGTON, D.C. THE PURPOSE
OF TRIP IS TO CONTINUE ASSEMBLING MATERIAL FOR ORF SPECIAL
BICENTENNIAL BROADCAST IN JULY JOINTLY WITH DR. HELLMUTH BOCK,
WHO VISITED US LATE APRIL-MAY. BECAUSE USIS VIENNA VIEWS
RADIO AS STILL A VERY IMPORTANT MEDIUM IN AUSTRIA AND SINCE
DR. BOCK AND MACHATSCHKE KEY PEOPLE IN FOREIGN NEWS HANDLING,
WE CONSIDER THIS A SIGNIFICANT PROJECT. AS SUCH THE POST
HAS GIVEN SMALL GRANT TO ASSIST INTERNAL U.S. TRAVEL
EXPENSES.

2. MR. MACHATSCHKE NEEDS ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEWS AS
FOLLOWS:

A. JUNE 12-13: VISIT PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, RAPID CITY.

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B. JUNE 14-15: VISIT SAC HEADQUARTERS, OMAHA. EMBASSY AIR

ATTACHE INFORMED AND FORESEES NO DIFFICULTY FOR USIA TO OBTAIN BRIEFING, TOUR OF FACILITIES.

C. JUNE 16-20: LOS ANGELES-VISIT ROCKWELL INDUSTRIES, PALMDALE (SPACE SHUTTLE ORBITER); NASA JET PROPULSION LABORATORY, PASADENA FOR JUNE 19 ON-THE-SPOT REPORT FOR ORF "JOURNAL" OF VIKING I MARS ORBIT.

D. JUNE 21-22: ATLANTA, INTERVIEW WITH MAYOR JACKSON. REQUEST ARRANGE APPOINTMENT TENTATIVELY FOR JUNE 22, SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

E. JUNE 23-26: WASHINGTON, BRIEFINGS AT BUREAU INDIAN AFFAIRS; AND AT PENTAGON.

3. MACHATSCHKE PROGRAM DEPENDS UPON IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION SAC VISIT. IF NOT APPROVED, MACHATSCHKE WILL REVISE ITINERARY, AFFECTING PRIMARILY APPOINTMENT WITH MAYOR JACKSON.

4. ESSENTIAL CONFIRMATION APPOINTMENTS AS OUTLINED PARA. 2. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP.

5. BOCK MENTIONED UPON RETURN THAT HE EXPERIENCED SMALL DIFFICULTIES; MOST TIME CONSUMING DIFFICULTY AROSE FROM LACK OF RECOGNIZED AMERICAN PRESS IDENTIFICATION. WOULD APPRECIATE CHECK POSSIBILITY ISSUANCE TEMPORARY PRESS CARD TO MACHATSCHKE TO FACILITATE ACCESS DURING TRIP. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. MACHATSCHKE WILL COORDINATE SOME LOCAL INTERVIEWS WITH ORF'S STOIBER. WILL CONTACT STRICKER UPON ARRIVAL NEW YORK AND WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE.

7. FYI: MACHATSCHKE, WHO WORKED FOR BBC LONDON SIX YEARS, SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY; HOWEVER, WHENEVER POSSIBLE WOULD PREFER INTERVIEWS IN GERMAN.BARDOS

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